## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



#### Leading In Worship

*Preacher* Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

*Liturgists* Scott Rowland Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Care and Connection (Frederickson Hall) Heather Selement (Frederickson Hall)

> *Musicians* Kevin Wilkinson, Director of Worship and the Arts Lisa Hart, carillon Dr. Melissa Plamann, Artist in Residence Brianna Holt, cantor (Frederickson Hall) Jordan Andrews, piano (Frederickson Hall)

## **CHECK IN!**

"Check In" in the WPC App and let us know you are worshipping with us today. *Please enter any prayer requests when you check in! We would love to pray with you and for you.* 





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#### WORSHIP ORDER

July 20, 2025 6th Sunday after Pentecost

#### Prelude

Grand Entry Medley, Mvt. 2: flute

Timothy Nevaquaya (b. 1966) arr. Christina Giacona (b. 1981) and Patrick Conlon Mark Billy, cedar flute

#### **Chiming the Hour**

#### **Preparing for Worship**

#### Introit

Adagio from Clarinet Quintet no. 3 (Op. 23) Mark Billy, clarinet; Jeremy Sheets, cello

#### \*Call to Worship

God's Grace flows freely, beyond our expectations, beyond familiar paths. God's Love meets us in places we don't anticipate, through acts of surprising compassion. In humility, we open our hearts: ready for healing, ready for renewal. Let us worship the God whose Love crosses every boundary, whose Grace is always enough.

#### \*Hymn of Praise (No. 802)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

#### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you bring healing and Grace through humility, Peace that confounds our pride, and Love that crosses every boundary.

You choose the small, the ordinary, the overlooked and through them you bring Justice.

Still, we resist. We want control, not transformation. We want grace for ourselves, but struggle when it flows beyond us. ST. COLUMBA

#### Prayer of Confession (cont.)

Wash us in your mercy until our hearts are softened, our minds opened, and our lives made new. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Grace**

In the first letter of John we are reminded that God's love meets us where we are, not where we pretend to be - and makes a home in every heart.

Friends, believe the good news:

We are always already loved! Thanks be to God!

#### \*Response to the Gift of Grace (No. 581)

GREATOREX



#### **Sacred Space**

The children are invited to gather on the front steps for a lesson.

#### \*Passing of the Peace

The children are invited to return to their seats. Worship bags are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

#### \*Song of Community (No. 301)

*Let Us Build a House* (v. 1)

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **First Reading**

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God! TWO OAKS

Luke 4:16-30, p. 47

#### **Psalter**



#### **Second Reading**

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, and for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, Thanks be to God!

#### Sermon

Supporting Cast: Naaman

#### \*Hymn of Response (No. 797)

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

adapted from The Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. We cannot grasp it by strength or reason, only receive it with wonder. We name God with words of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals love in Jesus Christ: power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, goodness in welcoming the sinner. This is the power of God's love in Christ—to heal, to transform, to restore. Through him we see that the Redeemer is also the Creator, who made all things to serve the purpose of divine love.

Thanks be to God, whose mystery is mercy, and whose mercy calls us into new life. Amen.

#### Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

#### Offertory

OBVP al (Orphan Child) from Kanohelvsgi Tsunilosvhi Mark Billy, baritone; Jeremy Sheets, cello Kiegan Ryan (b. 2002)

Rev. Landon Whitsitt

YE BANKS AND BRAES

2 Kings 5:1–14, p. 262

#### \*Doxology (No. 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



#### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (8:15am)

Communion is received via intinction with gluten-free wafers and grape juice.

#### \*Hymn of Sending (No. 620)

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

#### \*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

#### Postlude

Toccata Brevis

Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

LAUDA ANIMA

\*This sign is an invitation, to all who are comfortable and able, to stand as they offer God thanks and praise.

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#### The Confession of 1967 - United Presbyterian Church

This was written during the troubled 1960's and the civil rights movement in response to civil religion. Its central doctrines include reconciliation and the equality of all persons. Banner: The Blue, Red and Gold: Colors of the official seal of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; The Golden, Down-reaching Hand: (repeated from the Nicene Banner) God reaching down to his world; The Crown (repeated from the Westminster Banner) and the Nail Scarred Hand: The death and victory of Christ; The Four Hands of Different Colors, the Clasped Hands, and the Green Circle: The reconciled world at the foot of the cross; The Stars and Planets on the Blue Background: The Space-Age Setting of this confession.







#### **Christmas in July**

On December 21 we will go to The Homeless Alliance and serve a hot lunch and give 350 of our homeless friends hoodies, hats, gloves, hot hands, socks, hygiene bags, and snack bags. This is a huge undertaking. Christmas in July is our way of getting a jump start on collecting the things we need. The QR code will guide you to the opportunity to donate \$50.00 to buy a hoodie, hat, gloves and hot hands for our friends living outside. We also welcome the donations of new heavyweight hoodies. Optionally, you can also leave your tangible donations inside the Flamingo in the Garden Court or your monetary donation in the safe.



#### Blood Drive @ WPC - July 24

Every drop counts. This July, help save lives by donating blood. Whether it's a child battling cancer, a mother in surgery, or an accident victim, your donation makes a difference. Be a hero. Give blood. Save lives.



Scan QR to register for Blood Drive



#### **Back to School Trivia Night**

Join us for Back to School Trivia Night on Tuesday, August 5 at 6 PM in the Garden Court. Teams can choose a theme for their table and bring a potluck dish to share with their group. Prizes will be awarded for trivia winners and best-themed tables. Children, youth, and adults are all welcome. Childcare is available with RSVP by August 3.



#### WPC is taking a pilgrimage to Italy!

Join us April 9-17, 2026 in Italy! This private tour follows the footsteps of the Apostle Paul and the early church, beginning in Pozzuoli where Paul first arrived. We'll explore ancient cities like Pompeii and Minturno, travel the Appian Way, and reflect on Paul's ministry in Rome. Highlights include the Roman Forum, Colosseum, the traditional homes of Priscilla and Aquila, and the site of Paul's martyrdom. We'll also worship at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and visit early Christian catacombs, St. Peter's Basilica, and the Vatican. Contact Stephanie Alarid at salarid@wpcokc.org to learn more.



We are so glad you've joined us for worship today! Please scan the QR code, enter your information, and our hospitality team would love to connect with you! wpcokc.org/visitor

## VISITORS

### WPCOKC.ORG/GIVE

All announcements and signups are available on the Weekly Update page, the Events tab of the WPC App, and the Welcome Center

#### **Burnt Offerings: Westminster's Cookbook**

We called this book Burnt Offerings because a) it sounds hilarious and b) that's the way the Bible talks of our sacrifices of praise to God. God has built us for community. We are not meant to be alone. We hope this cookbook helps us get one step closer to the beloved community we've been called to be. Cookbooks are \$25, and all proceeds go to WPC's Feed My Sheep program.

#### **WPC** Missions

Feed My Sheep is a program that delivers monthly groceries to families in need. We are currently in need of volunteers to pack and deliver groceries at WPC, as well as serve at the new Hope House location at White Fields, so please sign up if you are able to serve!

#### White Fields: July 26 Grocery Packing: August 14 & 16

#### **Worship Flowers**

**MAY 2025** 

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Flowers in the Chapel and Sanctuary may be purchased to honor a loved one or special occasion, and your dedication will be mentioned in the bulletin. Please sign up to purchase and dedicate your flowers either on the Weekly Update page or at the front desk. (*There are 2 vases each week at a cost of \$60 each*)

WPC GIVING UPDATE

Leadership and Staff are grateful for the congregation's renewed attentiveness in fulfilling pledged contributions after the March and April drop-offs. There is still ground to make up, but May receipts place us in a much better position moving forward.

"The willingness to give is a sign of life. The fruit tree gives of its fruit, and we know it is alive. When it no longer gives, we know real life has gone out of it. The heart that hoards the blessings of God is no longer alive with spiritual power. To give is to live." **wpcokc.org/give** 











### 2025 TX Hill Country Flooding



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is coordinating a response with the Synod of the Sun Partnership for Disaster Recovery and Mission Presbytery following flash flooding in the Texas Hill Country that resulted in more than 100 lives lost. The response includes support for Mission Presbytery staff and volunteers, material aid such as flood buckets and more. **Recovery work is ongoing**, and assessment of the long-term needs is just beginning.

#### God's people are called on to stand in the "GAP"—Give. Act. Pray.

<b>GIVE:</b>	Scan the QR code to give online, call 800-872-3283 or						
GIVE.	<b>mail</b> a check using the below reply device.	12122299-121					
ACT:	• Assemble flood buckets, visit pcusa.org/gohkits						
ACI:	for information						
		- <b>PR 36</b> 33					
	Stay informed and like us on Facebook	in seco					
	(facebook.com/PDAcares) and share updates with your congregation.						
<b>PRAY:</b>	God, who shaped the waters of chaos into Creation,						
	We come before you brokenhearted, overwhelmed by the power of raging waters						
	inundating this place of beauty and respite, leaving terror and so						
	We thank you for the lives saved in the midst of this devastation.						
	We grieve with those who have lost their loved ones. Comfort and console them,						
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	O God, as we stand with them in your love.						
	Amen						
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## **Pillars of Grace**

### WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Thank you for considering a legacy gift!

Have you already included Westminster in your planned giving? If so, thank you—we'd be honored to celebrate that with you! Please keep an eye out for details about our special donor appreciation event on September 30, 2025.

Still exploring the idea? There's absolutely no pressure. If you'd like to learn more or have any questions, any of our Foundation trustees would be happy to talk with you. You're also welcome to visit us anytime at <u>wpcfoundation.org</u>.



# Westminster Presbyterian Church Blood Drive

## Thursday, July 24 8 - 11:30 a.m. Look for the Bloodmobile!

For more information, contact ljirousek@wpokc.org or 405-524-2204.





Scan either of the QR codes below for an opportunity to donate!



## JULY & AUGUST

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Christmas in July

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOTED IN RED <u>Sign up to serve</u> at wpcokc.org/weekly-update or in the WPC App under the Events tab.